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<b>Applicant</b> ABB RESEARCH LTD. et al	

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant ABB RESEARCH LTD.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of \_\_\_\_\_ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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## I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

☐ the international application as originally filed.

☒ the description, pages 1-14, as originally filed,  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand,  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_,  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ the claims, Nos. 1-12, as originally filed,  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, as amended under Article 19,  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand,  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ the drawings, sheets/fig 1/10-10/10, as originally filed,  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand,  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_,  
sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO

### 2. Citations and explanations

This report makes reference to the following documents:

- D1: US-A-5 042 898 (GLOMB WALTER L ET AL) 27 August 1991 (1991-08-27), cited in the application
- D2: US-A-4 761 073 (MELTZ GERALD ET AL) 2 August 1988 (1988-08-02), cited in the application
- D3: DE-C-196 48 403 (NAGEL THOMAS DR ING; WALL CHRISTIAN DIPL ING (DE)) 2 April 1998 (1998-04-02)
- D4: EP-A-0 466 623 (KARLSRUHE AUGSBURG IWEKA) 15 January 1992 (1992-01-15).

#### 1. Technical field of the invention

Fiber optic pressure sensors.

#### 2. Novelty (PCT Article 33(2))

D1 to D4 do not disclose the measurement of a pressure difference  $p_1 - p_2$  by converting the multidirectional pressures  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$  into a longitudinal expansion or compression of a fiber Bragg grating. The subject matter of Claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)). Its use is therefore novel. Moreover, D1 to D4 also do not disclose the use of differential pressure measurement with a Venturi tube.

**3. Inventive step (PCT Article 33(3))**

3.1 D1, which is regarded as the closest prior art, discloses a fiber optic pressure sensor.

The subject matter of independent Claim 1 differs from the pressure sensor known from D1 essentially by the following features:

- the device is suitable in particular for measuring differential pressures and flow velocities in crude oil boreholes;
- the transducer is exposed to two different multidirectional pressures  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ ;
- the transducer is configured for measuring a pressure difference  $p_1 - p_2$  by converting the multidirectional pressures  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$  into a longitudinal expansion or compression of a fiber Bragg grating.

The problem to be solved by the present invention can therefore be regarded as that of providing a fiber optic pressure sensor with a high isotropic pressure sensitivity.

None of the available documents suggests the specified distinguishing features in a fiber optic pressure sensor according to D1.

D2 and D3 disclose pressure sensors which do not detect isotropic pressure. D4 discloses a sensor without Bragg grating.

The subject matter of Claim 1 therefore involves an inventive step.

3.2 The use of a sensor according to Claim 12 is also inventive.

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**4. Industrial applicability (PCT Article 33(4).)**

The present invention is clearly industrially applicable.

**5. Dependent claims**

Dependent Claims 2 to 11 relate to advantageous configurations of the device according to Claim 1 and are therefore also regarded as novel and inventive.